in the months of April, May and June every year due to the Mango season and come down again in July.

Free tickets to artisan

†4027. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of free tickets provided to the artists, dance groups and the performers of other arts by Air India and Indian Airlines separately every year during 1999, 2000 and 2001 in commercial interests together with the dates of their Journey as well as the details of their destinations and the fares in each case; and

(b) the number of such other free tickets given in addition to this and the total expense incurred on that?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Making air travel safer

4028. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the details of the steps being taken by Government for making air travel safer in different parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : For safety of passengers and aircraft, the steps taken are safety audit of operators, periodic spot checks, airworthiness control on ageing aircraft, installation of Minimum Safe Altitude Warning System, installation of Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radars, installation of Ground Proximity Warning System, installation of Airborne Collision Avoidance System, strict compliance with airworthiness standards and maintenance infrastructure in accordance with Rules and Regulations in force from time to time. The other steps taken are internal audits by operators themselves, surveillance by Flight Inspectors, special operating precautions in poor weather conditions and dissemination of safety information through seminars and workshops.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.